

Tuesday, December 7, 1999

STS-103 launch on schedule for Dec. 11 at 12:13 a.m.



Employees invited to annual Holiday Coffee Wednesday



▲ **Shuttle Update:** At press time, the scheduled launch date for STS-103 was still Saturday, Dec. 11 at 12:13 a.m. The mission crew was due to fly into KSC Monday evening for pre-launch preparations, which includes checking flight equipment. The countdown for launch will commence at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday.

▲ **Tradition: KSC Civil Service and Contractor Personnel** are invited to the annual **Holiday Coffee** on Dec. 8, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. It is being held in the new Early Space Exploration Building, on the west side of the KSC Visitors Complex. A local school chorus will provide music. Shuttle bus service will be available every 30 minutes beginning at 8:15 a.m. from the LC-39 area (LCC, OSB, LSOC) and 8:30 a.m. from the Industrial area (SSPF, O&C and HQ). A sign will be posted on the buses designating pickup for the coffee. For further information contact NASA Transportation at 867-2860. Employees also may use their own cars.



◆ **Lunch With the JBOSC Program Manager:** Employees can hear how JBOSC is doing as the contractor of choice for KSC/CCAS. Presentations will be made 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the following locations:

- Tuesday, Dec. 7 at the Bourne Pavilion, CCAS;

- Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Port Pavilion, CCAS;
 - Thursday, Dec. 9 at KARS II, KSC.
- Hot dogs or grilled chicken sandwiches plus sodas will be provided by the Rec club.

◆ **The KSC 2000 Team** continues to encourage employees to visit the KSC 2000 Web Site for information on the Team's efforts and progress. Just go to the KSC Internal Home Page and click on **KSC 2000** under **Major Projects/KSC's Future**. Also, employees can send questions and ideas via e-mail by selecting **KSC2000web** from the MS Exchange global address list. The team looks forward to receiving comments, suggestions and ideas, and having a continuing dialog with you. Remember the basic tenets:

- Existing work must continue safely and successfully.
- No employee will lose his or her civil service status, but some may have new opportunities to assure our future as a Center.
- Our customers need us to be successful.
- We want and need your input, understanding, and full support.

◆ **Did You Know? Activity has picked up** in the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge with the influx of migratory birds. The refuge is located on the Atlantic Flyway, a major bird migration corridor. Look for shorebirds, waterfowl and bald eagles.

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Deadlines: 10 a.m. the day before. Send information, comments or questions to:

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Countdown on the Internet -- <http://www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/ksccount/1999/1999.htm>